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- 1. EMBASSY DOES NOT SHARE DEPARTMENT'S APPREHENSION THAT THERE COULD BE ANY MISUNDERSTANDING IN GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT ABOUT MAY 8 DEADLINE. THIS DEADLINE WAS COMMUNICATED PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT LAUGERUD AND WAS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL WITH ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER OBIOLS, WHO EMPHASIZED IN HIS RESPONSE THAT HE UNDERSTOOD FIRM NATURE OF MAY 8 DEADLINE. ECON COUNSELOR SUBSEQUENTLY HAD REPEATED CONVERSATIONS WITH MINISTER OF ECONOMY AND VICE MINISTER OF ECONOMY IN WHICH HE STRESSED FIRM NATURE OF THIS FINAL DDEADLINE.
- 2. NEVERTHELESS, AMBASSADOR SPOKE TO FONMIN MOLINA TODAY, MAY 6, REMINDING HIM OF MAY 8 DEADLINE AND RECALLING CONVERSATIONS ABOUT THIS WITH PRESIDENT AND WITH ACTING FONMIN DURING FONMIN'S ABSENCE ON ASIAN-EUROPEAN TRIP. AMBASSADOR EXPLAINED THAT FMC WOULD PUBLISH ITS PROPOSED RULE ON EQUALIZING FEES AT 10 AM MAY 9 UNLESS IT HAD RECEIVED PRIOR NOTICE OF SATISFACTORY IMPLEMENTATION MEASURES BY GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO NOTED THIS PROPOSED RULE WOULD PROVIDE FOR FORTY-FIVE DAY COMMENT PERIOD, DURING WHICH GUATEMALANS COULD IMPLEMENT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION AND OBVIATE PUBLICATION OF FINAL RULE. FOREIGN MINISTER SAID HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED THIS WITH OBIOLS SINCE HIS RETURN AND WOULD DO SO IMMEDIATELY.

3. SEPTEL, PREPARED BEFORE RECEIPT OF DEPARTMENT'S MESSAGE, FOLLOWS WITH OUR APPRECIATION OF LEGISLATIVE SITUATION HERE ON EVE OF FMC DEADLINE.

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